

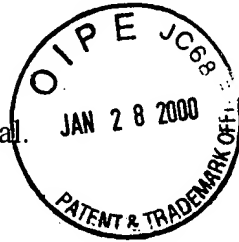
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MATERIALS INCLUDING SWITCHABLE OPTICAL COUPLERS
AND RECONFIGURABLE OPTICAL INTERCONNECTS

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

In accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97-1.98, and MPEP § 609,
Applicant(s) hereby bring the references noted on the attached Form PTO-1449 to the attention
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